

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

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A RESOLUTION to applaud Phyllis Stewart Williams for being honored at the Star Spangled Salute and for laudable service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is always pleased to offer commendation to those citizens who have shown themselves to possess great generosity and a spirit of altruism; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Stewart Williams is most assuredly one such superlative woman deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, this spring, Ms. Williams will be one of five individuals (known as the "Fabulous Five") honored by the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce at the Star Spangled Salute; this annual fundraising event benefits the Donelson Station Senior Citizens Center, an organization dedicated to serving persons 55 years of age and older by providing group and individual activities and services to support independent lifestyles and to foster dignity and self-worth among senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, a native of Middle Tennessee, Phyllis Elaine Stewart Williams was born in Old Hickory; she attended DuPont Elementary School and graduated from DuPont High School in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams soon commenced employment with the State of Tennessee, serving from 1962 to 1967 in the Revenue Department; for the next eight years, she served in the Senate Engrossing Clerk Office at the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Phyllis Stewart Williams began her illustrious tenure at Old Hickory Credit Union; this year marks the 18th year of her service with the Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her profession, Ms. Williams is active on the Board of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Credit Unions, in the Greater Nashville Business and Professional Women Club, in the Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce (having received the Outstanding Chamber Member Award for 1999), in the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce (having received the Outstanding Service Award for 2001), in the Madison Chamber of Commerce, and as a part of Leadership Donelson-Hermitage; in each of these organizations she has held leadership positions too numerous to name; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Stewart Williams has also been a leader in the political realm, serving as Treasurer for the Campaign to Elect Phil Ponder Vice-Mayor 2002 and for Tennessee Neighborhood Volunteers; she also serves as Chair of Community Outreach for the Nashville Women Political Caucus and is a member of the League of Women Voters, Davidson Democratic Women, and the Tennessee Disability Coalition Vote Campaign; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional and political activities, Ms. Williams still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to several worthy causes, as she has served on the Tennessee Christian Medical Center Foundation's Golden Gala Committee, on the Donelson Station Senior Citizens Center Advisory Council, on the Star Spangled Salute Committee, on the Planning Committee for the Joe Diffie Golf Tournament and Concert benefiting First Steps, as a Team Captain in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, as the Co-Coordinator for the American Heart Association's Hearts-In-Bloom, as a Table Host for the Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts Patrol Luncheon, and as a member of the Ladies' Hermitage Association; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Phyllis Williams is grateful for the caring and supportive relationships she enjoys with her children, Mark and Mitzi, and her brother and sister-in-law, Wilson and Carolyn Williams; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary individuals who through their special endeavors are a credit to their families, communities, and professions; Phyllis Stewart Williams is clearly one such worthy individual; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Ms. Phyllis Stewart Williams on her dedication to living a life of altruism and generosity and applaud her on being selected as an honoree at this year's Star Spangled Salute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.